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(b) whether the Government own any share capital in the cement factories, and, if so, how much;

(c) the number of new cement factories licensed to be commenced, their names, location and estimated capacity;

(d) how many of the factories mentioned in (c) are under construction;

(e) whether the Government propose to erect any cement factories, wholly or partly owned by the Government:

(f) if so, the name, location, estimated capacity of the factories, the capital expected to be paid up and the Government's share thereof;

(g) whether the Government have any scheme for nationalization of the cement industry; and

(h) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) A[a] statement A showing the existing cement factories in this Province is placed on the table of the House.

" (b) No, Sir.

" (c) Another [a] Statement B showing the new cement factories proposed to be started is also laid on the table.

" (d) Only one factory, viz., the India Cements, Ltd., is under construction.

" (e) & (f) The question is under consideration.

" (g) The answer is in the negative.

" (h) The question does not arise."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : " In view of the huge demands for cement, will the Government expedite their decision with regard to the opening of new cement factories?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir."

*Alleged conversion of a teacher to Islam in Bellary.*

* 137 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that a teacher of the New Muslim High School, Bellary, has been recently converted to Islam;

(b) whether it is a fact that an assurance has been given to the gentleman that he will be confirmed in his appointment, if he became a convert to Islam; and

(c) when the authorities concerned propose to shift the Muslim High School to a habitation of its own?

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"(a) Yes.
"(b) No.
"(c) The High School has been located in a separate rented building."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister the actual reason which led this member of an Indian Christian family, who is a teacher in the New Muslim High School, Bellary, and his wife and children to be converted to Islam?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"The matter has been gone into and the Commissioner has reported that the conversion was due to the conviction that Islam is better than Christianity."

*Distribution of seats in Government colleges.*

* 138 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are Government Orders prescribing distribution of seats in Government Colleges including the Engineering and Medical Colleges for linguistic areas;

(b) whether instructions have also been issued regarding representation of communities and classes and if so, what they are;

(c) whether reports, if any, have been received from the Director of Public Instruction on the actual working of these orders and instructions; and

(d) whether instructions regarding representation of communities and classes are applicable only to selections for admission into colleges for the first time or for subsequent classes as well as after each University examination?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"(a) Admissions into the Engineering and the Medical Colleges are made on linguistic basis, but admissions into Arts Colleges are not on this basis.

"(b) No rigid communal proportion has been laid down for admission into Arts Colleges. The Principals have been requested to exercise the greatest care in seeing that due representation is given to non-Brahmans, to all minority communities, to Muhammadans, to Harijans and to women. In the matter of admission to the Engineering Colleges and the Medical Colleges, however, communal proportion has been laid down as shown below :—

| | Out of 12 seats. |
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| **Non-Brahman Hindus** .. .. .. .. | 5 |
| **Brahmans** .. .. .. .. .. | 2 |
| **Muslims** .. .. .. .. .. | 2 |
| **Anglo-Indians, Indian Christians or Non-Asiatics.** | 2 |
| **Harijans** .. .. .. .. .. | 1 |